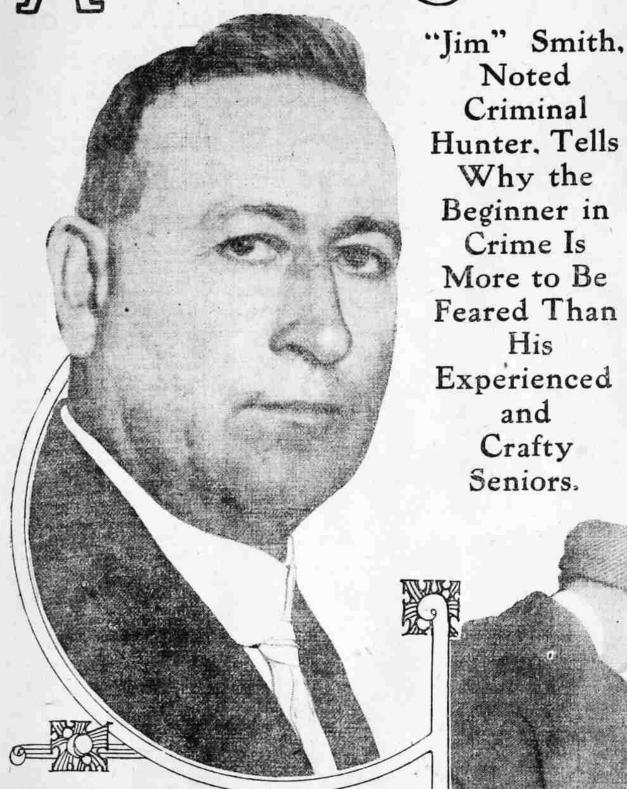
AMATEUR PROOK MOST DANGEROUS OF ALL!



Beware the amateur criminal, for

he is more vindictive and more like-

ly to shoot than the professional,

warns James H. Smith, former

Chief of Detectives who is head of

the Secret Service Department of

After twenty-two years of con-

stant association with violators of

the law and alding in capturing and

convicting more than 3,000 crooks, Chief Smith has concluded that pro-

fessional criminals, especially those

mane than amateurs and only shoot

He says the majority of second-

story men do not carry weapons, for

the discovery of a weapon in their

possession is more likely to send

in the act of committing burglary.

Chief Smith, has no desire to kill,

and if it is possible he will escape

selves confronted by a robber at

night may feel secure ninety-nine

times in a hundred, for he will not

For the benefit of readers of this

magazine, the famous head of the

Secret Service Department of the

Frisco has written the following ar-

professional criminal in this article,

I do not want it understood that I

extenuate the acts of any class of

criminals. But there is as much dif-

ference between the professional and the ordinary thief as there is

between the race horse and the

he usually adopts one particular line

of theft, for the reason he has been

enabled to progress, even though it

dangerous to life, but a greater menace to property. In plying

his vocation he exercises the cun-

ning acquired by careful planning.

and, when discovered, he will use

every means possible to escape be-

This fact condemns him as not being worthy of charitable sympathy.

yet there is much good in him, and

had conditions that environed his

youth been more favorable instead

have been a leader among men.

The bright boy who gives evi-

dence of progressiveness is as apt

to become a robber or an anarchist

as a statesman, unless he is guided

along and directed through the

right channels. When that age in

life is reached where the boy begins

feel with their positions in life is not

caused by education, but by the

which they are taught, thus making

them feel that the dignity acquired

What the boy needs is to have a purpose in life. We all have a ca-

pacity which is capable of being de-

veloped along sensible lines by the right system of teaching.

tion, he will feel he is fitted to adorn

the wool sack, when, in fact, he

lacks the practical training in trade

or profession. The object in teach-

ing should have reference to the

particular filness of the boy for a

When that stage in life is reached

certain vocation in life.

A boy will take on a little educa-

thoughtless mechanical way

from labor is akin to slavery.

The discontent that many of them

of being a social outcast he might

fore taking human life.

to reason by contrast.

The professional thicf is the least

has been in the wrong direction.

When a thief becomes proficient

In giving my experience with the

molest them, continues the Chief.

without harming his victim.

The professional burglar, says

Women who awaken to find them-

them to fall than being discovered

of the burglar type, are more hu-

the Frisco Railroad.

when they are cornered.

where the boy oegins to reason by contrast, the awakening intelligence sometimes becomes a mighty power for evil, and he develops along these lines and considers how best he may avoid labor. He will sweat the more In his schemes when told 'go carn

EASY TO FOLLOW THE LEAD OF BIG CROOK.

instructor.

BY DETECTIVE JAMES H. SMITH.

plish his end.

a living for himself. is not an intelligent criminal on

become settled in business. Those who can say truthfully, after a few years' course in crime that they are satisfied with their

thy bread by the sweat of thy

In commencing a criminal career, It may be that the young man makes the acquaintance of a criminal. In course of time he may join his crimsome crooked deal. If he desires to continue in wrongdoing he will more than likely adopt that line of the profession which is followed by his

When such is the case, his inclination or nerve will soon teach him as to which line of the profession he is best adapted. In his ordinary pursuits he presents the same phase of character as other young men, with possibly the exception that in his business dealings he displays average honesty.

If the criminal adapts himself a single form of crime as the choice of his profession, it is very often dependent on some particular aptitude of the young man. But this is not always so, as it frequently happens that a thief will sound very keynote in the game of theft in his course through life.

The professional thief places a very high value on human life, and is the least dangerous of all criminals. He will show every consideration to the victim consistent with his safety, and under no circumstances will be undertake to commit a crime that does not preclude the shedding of blood. This, of course, excepts the ordinary 'rough neck" stickup and the

It requires more real nerve to rob a house at night time than it does to hold up a person on the street or in his place of business. In the latter cases they are face to face with their danger, and have the confidence which comes from a sense of united force, as there are always from two to four in a hold-

This is the reckless, dare-devil fellow we read about. He is usually a cur with no sensibility to danger, and an utter disregard of human life. This is the ordinary or occasional criminal. He depends on murder or brute force to accom-

The professional type of criminal trusts to skill and judgment, and in him is illustrated the survival of the fittest. He works method-lcally and with system. The amount of his sinning is governed by necessity, and there is not one them who is capable of stealing

All criminals realize that they are playing a losing game. There earth who is not willing to admit that he has the short end of the argument, and it is the ambition of every old criminal as he grows leave the profession and

career, are few. A desire to excel in wrong-doing may appear a strange ambition, yet the desire is in harmony with the natural

UPPER right and left, two poses of James Smith,

Noted

Criminal

Why the

Beginner in

Crime Is

More to Be

Feared Than

His

Experienced

and

Crafty

Seniors.

former Chief of Detectives in St. Louis. Center, from top to bottom: Nellie O'Brien, pickpocket; Chas. Arnold, pickpocket; former Chief Smith "sweating" a prisoner; Lizzie Johnson, shoplifter; Edward Rice, bank sneak; Alonzo J. Whitman, forger.

progress under conditions that have a natural dewnward tend-HE IS POOR REASONER,

BUT HE KNOWS THINGS. In fact, criminal life judged from a commercial standpoint is a poor venture. Moral depravity ex-presses itself along different lines, and its depth is in proportion to the natural capacities for the good in the criminal. It does not seem unreasonable to assume that his mistakes in life are a natural sequence of environment.

As criminals grow wise from contact with the world, their crooked propensities are toned down and given induigence only when necessity demands.

Criminals are poor reasoners, but they sometimes feel the truth, and in trying to understand it they are led astray by studying it from the one side only

The question that many of us ask is: Why do men remain criminals when awakened to a recog-nition of its evils? I feel confident that all criminals whose reahas not been irrevocably affected by a depraved life will grow out of crime.

All that is necessary is to exert their will power, which consists in being able to say yes or no to a proposition.

It is of the greatest importance that the condition governing the growth of the youth should be such as to give the brain healthful development. They should be taught to distinguish right from wrong, and to resolve and to act. Moral sense not in itself sufficient to keep them from doing wrong. All criminals know right from

wrong, but they lack a moral antipathy to sin, and no moral consider-

sneaks, also was captured by Smith several years ago. This man's system is to have a confederate engage a bank teller in conversation while he thrusts a wire hook through the bars of the cage to snare a roll of

April, 1889, when he joined the

He was made a detective in 1890,

and nine years later was appointed

Assistant Chief of Detectives. In

1903 he resigned, but returned as Assistant Chief in January, 1907.

A month later he was made Chief of Detectives of St. Louis, and

served in this capacity until June

inaugurated the present system of

classifying forged checks by the

handwriting, and having an expert

in charge of such work, and also introduced the perfected Bertillon

Among the 3,000 criminals arrest-

ed by Chief Smith and his aids in the twenty-two years of his service,

are many of international reputa-

Charlie Arnold, professional pick-

pocket, is among the best of Chief Smith's pickups. He arrested Arn-

old in 1908 on suspicion and, hav-

ing only meager evidence against

him, took his finger prints and sent

The prisoner's English had given the "hunch" that he might be known to the Yard. Back came

photographs of Arnold and a rec-

ord of crime of astonishing length

made through the finger prints. Arnold was sent to the Missouri

Ed Rice, alias Big Ed, who is held in Europe, and who is known

as one of the cleverest of bank

entire identification

them to Scotland Yard, London.

system in St. Louis.

During his service as Chief, he

police force.

cleverest penmen in the world, was

MAY WILLARD A STAR. Chief Smith's 22 years of service has brought him in close contact

men's clothing, he recognizes as one of the most daring burglars of the opposite sex in the world. spent several years in the Missouri Penitentlary, and was the only woman ever to escape from that in-

to further service. May Willard, according to Chief Smith, learned before her accidental capture.

the best pickpockets in the business. testimony she was convicted.
"Women, though, have proved

more successful as shoplifters than in any other branch of crime," says Chief Smith.

the best in the business back in 1904. We had a tip she was coming to St. Louis to visit the World's Fair, and we went about notifying the department store managers to watch for her, showing them her

"A few minutes after we left a certain store Lena entered. department manager recognized her and had five men watch her closely as she went from counter to counter.

"When she departed he sent a man to follow us and one to shadow her. When I and my partner returned to the store, the manager told of seeing her.

SHE GOT THE STUFF UNDER FIVE MEN'S EYES. Alonzo G. Whitman, one of the "I had five men watch her and

THIS KING OF BEASTS MADE FRIENDS

to put one's self into the power of a lion, trusting to its generosity to make friends, there are a great many stories of the kindness of lions to other creatures which are perfectly true,

One day, more than 100 years ago, a lion cub only three months old was caught in one of the great forests near the River Senegal, and was brought to a Frenchman as a gift. The Frenchman, who was fond of animals, undertook to train it, and as the cub was very gentle and quiet this was easily done. He soon grew very fond of his master, and enjoyed being petted both by him and his friends, and what was more strange in a beast whose forefathers had passed all their life in solitude, the lion hated being by himself.

The more the merrier was clearly his motto, and whether the company consisted of dogs, cats, ducks, sheep, geese, or monkeys (which were bedfellows), or men and women, did not matter to him; and you may imagine his joy when one night as he went to bed he found two little newborn pups in his straw. He was quite as pleased as if he had been their mother, indeed he would hardly let the mother go near them, and when one of them died he showed his grief in every possible way, and became still more attached to its brother.

After six months, the lion, now more than a year old, was sent off to France, still with the little pup for company. At first his keepers thought that the strangeness of everything would make him frightened and savage, but he took it quite calmly and was soon allowed to roam about the ship as he pleased. Even when he landed at Havre he only had a rope attached to his collar, and so he was brought to Versailles, the pup trotting happily by his side.

Unfortunately, however, the climate of Europe did not agree with the dog as with the ilon, for he gradually wasted away and died, to the terrible grief of his friend. Indeed he was so unhappy that another dog was put into the cage to make up for the lost one, but this dog was not used to lions, and only

he tried to hide himself. The lion, whose sorrow, as often happens, only made him irritable and cross, was provoked by the dog's want of confidence in his kindness, and just gave him one pat with his paw, which killed him on the spot, But he still continued so sad that the keepers made another effort and this time the dog behaved with more sense and coaxed the lion into making friends. The two lived happily together for many years, and the lion recovered some of his spirits, but he never forgot his first companion, or was quite the same ilon

Many hundreds of miles south of Senegal a Hottentot, who lived in Namaqualand, was one evening driving down a herd of his master's cattle to drink in a pool of water which was fenced in by two steep walls of rock. It had been a particularly hot summer, and water was scarce, so the pool was lower than usual, and it was not until the whole herd got close to the brink that the Hottentot noticed a huge lion, lying right in the water, preparing to spring.

The Hottentot, thinking as well as his fright would let him think at all, that anything would serve as supper for the lion, dashed straight through the herd, and made as fast as he could for some trees at a little distance. But a low roar be-hind him told him he had been wrong in his calculations, and that the lion was of opinion that man was nicer than bull. So he fled along as quickly as his trembling legs would let him, and just reached one of the trees in which some steps had been cut by the natives as the lion bounded into the air.

However, the man swung himself out of his enemy's range, and the lion fell flat upon the ground. Now the branches of the tree were covered with hundreds of nests of a kind of bird called the Social Grosbeak, and it was to get these nests that the natives had cut in the smooth trunk the steps which had proved the salvation of the liotten-Behind the shelter of the nests the Hottentot cowered, hoping when

Slang Terms Used by **Detectives and Crooks** To Conceal Real English

Following are some of the

slang terms in use by detectives and their captives: Peterman-a safe blower Penman-a forger. Dip—a pickpocket.
Moll-buzzer—a thief who robs

vomen or snatches their purses, Gun-moll-a woman who aids highwayman. Mug (noun) -a detective. Mug (verb)-to photograph a

Come Along-an easy victim, also a device used for wrenching combination from a safe. Soup-nitroglycerin.

To rap-to recognize a crook To throw down to a personsame meaning. To come in-to confess.

Fence-a place where stolen goods are concealed or bartered. Making the queer-counter-

feiting. Cannon-revolver. Nixey fighter-man who fights

Stool pigeon-a favor-seeker who poses as a prisoner to obtain a confession from a suspect. Coke-head-one who uses

Rolling a stiff-robbing a To Fan-to search a person

captured by Smith and served time in the Missouri Penitentiary, FEW WOMEN BURGLARS;

with women offenders and he declares that there are few women May Willard, who operated in

stitution.

She was recaptured and sentenced her profession from expert male burgiars with whom she associated Nellie O'Brien, a small woman of

a rather innocent appearance, was recognized by the Chief as one of He captured her, and through his

the best of laces and silks, Smith says. The old theory that some Lena Kleinschmidt probably was shoplifters used a "third" hand to steal goods is exploded by the Chief. He also declares that burglars selpicture.

dom carry revolvers or jimmles. "They carry a chisel as a general rule for fear that if they have burglar tools they will be sent up.

"The law makes it a penitentiary offense to have burglar tools in one's possession, but a man captured with a chisel in his pocket can always explain that he is a

you bet she didn't get anything

returned and said Lena and an ac-

complice had gone to a winercom

of goods in a large pocket made to fit in front of her dress. The man-

ager identified the goods as belong-

front of the five men who were watching her."

Lena had taken the goods in

Professional shoplifters steal only

"A few minutes later the shadon

We arrested her and at headquarters found she had a large boll

here," he remarked.

several blocks away.

ing to his store,

An electrically-heated coffee percolator that is made of earthenware is a New York inventor's novelty,

Water in which onions have been boiled is excellent for cleansing gilt pleture frames and furniture.

he was no longer seen the llon would forget him and go in search of other prey. But the llon

seemed inclined to do nothing of the sort. For a long while he walked round and round the tree, and when he got tired of that he lay down, resolved to tire the man out. The Hottentot, hearing no sound, peeped cautiously out to see if his

foe was still there, and almost tumbled in terror to meet the eyes of the lion glaring into his. So the two remained all through the night and through the next day, but when sunset came the lion could bear his dreadful thirst no longer and trotted off to the nearest spring to Then the Hottentot saw his

chance, and, leaving his hiding place, he ran like lightning to his home, which was only a mile distant. But the Hon did not yield without a struggle, and traces were afterward found of his having returned to the tree, and then scented the man to within 300 yards of his

He Was Careful, Little Tommy was bringing in the new kittens to show the visitor. He brought the first two into the room, carrying them painstakingly

by the tails, while they howled and spit with vigor.
"Oh, Tommy!" exclaimed the vis-

itor, "you mustn't hurt the poor little things." 'No, madam, I won't," Tommy

replied, "I'm carrying them by the stems."

A Boon Indeed. "At last," exclaimed the long-haired inventor, "I have evolved the greatest practical blessing of the

"Oh. tell me, Theophilus, tell me what it is," begged his wife. "A collar button with a little

phonograph inside that will call out

when it rolls into a dark corner under the dresser: 'Here I am! Here The Belgian Ministry of Rallways

proposes to substitute motor vans for horse-drawn vehicles in all future contracts for freight delivery.



ation guides their actions. They look upon crookedness as a risk in life. They take extraordinary chances. Nearly every brutal crime results from lack of self-control, not from ignorance

Detective Smith is 50 years old, and has been an officer since